their bodies worn with ascetic penances gave forth sweet scents. Others became transparent or were haloed with unearthly lights. All these phenomena of the spiritual life, familiar to pupils of Eastern occultism, were visible in that western cloister,

And again Catherine of Siena was so permeated with the image of the crucified Lord that the stigmata of His wounds actually appeared in the flesh of her own body, a phenomenon similar to those which modern physicians know of through "suggestion."

A modern scientist has advanced a theory that if only the process were understood it would be possible to take the tracings from the etheric vibrations of all events which have happened anywhere, to reduce them on the surface of a room, so that walls should speak. Occultists make a practice of doing this ; the knowledge of all the past is stored in the akashic * records and tapped by adepts at will.

Now we are taught by these records that

the allegory of the Virgin Mary has its origin in the birth of the "Son," the creative force in nature from the union of the

* Etheric.